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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,615,000 to ITABASHI, which issued on September 2, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,970,267 to INAZUKA et al., which issued on October 19, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,749,005 to HAGA et al., which issued on May 5, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,742,853 to HAGA et al., which issued on April 21, 1998; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0187001 to HATTORI et al., which published on December 12, 2002.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested

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to contact the undersigned.

Further, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of the above-cited U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0187001 to HATTORI et al., which published from copending, commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/166,266 which was filed on June 11, 2002, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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